Guidelines for import of vessels in the country

4913. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued guidelines for import of all types of vessels in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines; and

(c) whether the indigenous industry is protected from the imported vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under:

(i) No prior technical clearance is required for vessels below 25 years of age, however, the same is required for vessels of and above 25 years of age.

(ii) No price reasonableness certificate is required for import of vessels.

(iii) Director General of Shipping [DG (S)] may grant permanent registration to the vessel without physical inspection on the basis of production of relevant documentary proof as per the guidelines laid down by the Director General of Shipping.

(iv) Director General of Shipping may issue detailed guidelines in respect in registration for compliance of statutory safety requirements, rectification of deficiency etc. by shipowners from time to time.

(c) No, Sir. The Exim Policy allows import of all types of ships without licence.

Allocation for Vocational Rehabilitation Centres

4914. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) functioning in the country for mentally and physically retarded children are not adequate;